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Our faculty is well qualified in their respective fields, and many are recognized by their peers and the public as experts. Whether it's history, psychology, mathematics, music, or chemistry, IPFW's faculty shines among the best and brightest in the world.

As a student here, you'll discover that your advisors will encourage you to do extremely well in your studies, and also in your personal growth. Among the dozens of student organizations, including academic societies and religious, recreational, and special-interest groups, you're sure to find your niche on campus. For those who are fitness minded, the Gates Athletic Center has a complete array of exercise equipment and an indoor running track.

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As you begin this new school year, you have the opportunity of a lifetime ahead of you. The administration, faculty, and staff of IPFW are here to help you in any way that we can.

Again, welcome to IPFW!

Chancellor Michael A. Wartell

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Intramural success brings more student interest

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Growing each year, the IPFW intramural program has ended its most successful season yet. 1,474 players made up the 2007-2008 intramural season in 16 different activities.

That number is up 241 from the previous year's total, something that pleases Ron Clark, who now has six years under his belt running the program.

The program pulled interest from students in several different ways this past year, including fliers and heavy promoting during the summer's SOAR sessions. Clark also says that the website (ipfw.edu/intramurals) will be worked on over this summer to include more information and interactive ability for interested students.

At SOAR, there is a pre-registration allowing students to check anything they are interested in, allowing their names to be in the intramural database to receive informational e-mails.

The sport attracting the most attention was basketball. While only 41 women participated, the men's division was full with 30 teams and 473 participants.

"It's always basketball," Clark said about the most popular activity. "Usually it hovers around 24 teams, it was completely packed. There was no room to expand unless we can get more gym time."

This year, a Body Blast Fitness program was added for Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class was offered free for the first 22 students who showed up either day.

"Students have been pretty positive. They get something consistent, are always getting updates on what is going on," Clark said. "We just try to work with the kids on what is going on and what they are into."

In total, the program offers two basketball leagues, dodgeball, two Body Blast classes, volleyball, flag football, racquetball, ping pong, golf, walleyball, sand volleyball, soccer, team tennis, ultimate frisbee and participation in the 5K Mastodon Stomp event.

The possible changes for next year include moving some events from multi-weeks to one or two days and adding a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to utilize the courts at the Waterfield Campus Housing site.

Clark also says including Ivy tech students may be possible.

"I think that they (Ivy Tech) underestimate how many students will take advantage of it," Clark noted. "I think that building that relationship with them and adding more IPFW students will really increase the demand."

Photo Courtesy of IPFW Athletics

STIFF ARM: Flag football brought in 182 participants this past school year, the second most of any intramural sport.

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Student Investing 101

Mutual Funds

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I double-dog dare you to google "investments", and see how many confusing Web sites and scams pop up for your viewing delight. Just click on the majority of links, and you'll find that it's a crapshoot as to whether you're going to invest in your future, or get taken for a financial ride. Solution?

Be smart. There are, of course, safer Web sites sponsored by more recognized financial institutions such as Charles Schwab, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and JP Morgan, which are investment firms that seem to have been around since our parents were in Pampers. But along with those big names can come a lot of information that is not for beginners, and can serve to confuse the novice investor. There is a lot of techno-investor jargon that is as confusing as a purple cow in a jogging suit.

If you don't want to read a bunch of jargon where you have to look up every term, try more beginner-friendly Web sites such as http://investopedia.com, where you can simply learn about investing, and how to go about it. Personally, I hate being talked to as though I'm an idiot, and as though I couldn't fight my way out of a paper bag without directions. Therefore, I like Web sites that are designed more for beginners. For example, try this site at http://www.investopedia.com/articles/younginvestors/07/business-college.asp for tips tailored specifically to young investors. This site comes complete with a dictionary, so you can conveniently look up terms such as "options & futures", and "technical analysis".

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See? Investing can be easy if you know where to search, and Web sites can actually help you to learn about securing your future without making you feel like a complete idiot.

What can we learn from Fool.com?

Let's face it; investment can be a scary proposition when one takes into consideration the current market climate. Putting a small percentage of your earnings into an invisible fund that are ultimately in the hands of someone you've never met takes a lot of faith.

While there are many upstanding brokers and financial planners who will watch your money grow, one must always be on the lookout for the unscrupulous ones. For every scrupulous broker and investor, there is likely to be someone who will steal your money and run to Bio.

The point of this didactic little rant is twofold: be aware of who you invest with, and check out mutual funds if you would like to step into investing with a safety net.

Mutual funds are typically run by a fund manager and are comprised of multiple types of investments such as stocks, securities and short-term money market accounts. Basically your money is not being funneled directly into one account where your money either compounds greatly or disappears, leaving you broke. Mutual funds are basically a security blanket for the investor; these funds diversify your portfolio and reduce the chances of losing your @$$ because of one poor investment.

I, however, am not well versed in the world of mutual funds, so The Motley Fool at http://Fool.com has provided some key factors that should help aid in understanding mutual funds. For more information, check out that Web site as well as http://InvestmentTools.com or http://Investopedia.com.

Advantages of Mutual Funds (All info from http://Fool.com)

"check out mutual funds if you would like to step into investing with a safety net."

*Diversification. Buying a mutual fund instantly gives you holdings in several companies.

*Liquidity. A mutual fund investment can be converted into cash upon your request, like an ATM.

Disadvantages of Mutual Funds

*The (Lack of) Wisdom of Professional Management. The average mutual fund manager is no better at picking stocks than the average non-professional, but charges fees as though he or she is.

* No Control. Unlike picking your own stocks, a mutual fund puts you in the passenger seat of somebody else's car. It's like your mother making you eat Brussels sprouts, even though she knows you'd rather eat dirt...but they're good for you.

*Dilution. Mutual funds typically have such small holdings of so many different stocks that great performance by a fund's top holding still doesn't make much of a difference in a mutual fund's total performance. In English - If stocks in that company shoot up 200 percent, your fund still will likely see only small gains.

*Buried Costs. Many mutual funds bury their costs by hiring salesmen who do not make those costs clear to their clients.

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Meet the *new* boss

Four predictions about the next president

Op-Ed
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While the political scene is often unpredictable, the next four years will be anything but surprising. National polls show the Democratic candidates slightly ahead, with Sen. John McCain trailing Sen. Barack Obama by an average of four percent and Sen. Hillary Clinton by an average of five percent. The scores are too slight to predict the outcome of the race, but it is possible to predict a few things about the next administration.

1. The next president will start new wars.

Clinton and McCain both voted to invade Iraq. While Obama was not in office during the original vote, he has helped to prolong the war by voting for billions of dollars in additional funding. All three candidates' foreign policy positions are likely to lead the U.S. into additional wars.

Both Clinton and McCain have spoken positively about invading Iran. McCain likes the idea so much that he can be seen on YouTube singing "bomb Iran" to the tune of the Beach Boys song "Barbara Ann." More recently, during an appearance on Good Morning America, Clinton stated that the U.S. "would be able to totally obliterate" Iran if it attacked Israel. As for Obama, as reported earlier in the semester, he is likely to launch a war against terrorist targets in Pakistan.

2. The next president will let the dollar continue to decline.

For decades, the U.S. had the most stable currency in the world; at the start of his administration, Abraham Lincoln paid the same price for a loaf of bread as George Washington did. However, this trend did not last forever. With the creation of the Federal Reserve and the abandonment of gold-backed currency, the dollar went into free-fall. The dollar has lost around 96 percent of its purchasing power since 1900 and it continues to decline. No president in the last century, Republican or Democrat, has reversed this trend. As presidents have done ever since the Civil War, increasingly valueless paper currency will continue to be used to pay for wars and other government debts.

3. The next president will encourage the government to become more involved in the health care industry.

Whenever the government gets more involved in health care, it becomes more expensive. For example, a study in Health Affairs states that the cost of getting a new drug approved by the FDA averages between $500 million and $2 billion.

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This enormous expense gets passed along to consumers.

Both Obama and Clinton have proposed universal health care plans that would dramatically increase the government's involvement in the health insurance industry.

McCain's campaign Web site says that the government should "promote" everything from "walk-in clinics in retail outlets" to "the rapid deployment of 21st century information systems and technology that allows doctors to practice across state lines."

When politicians say that the government should "promote" something, they generally mean, "force taxpayers to foot the bill." McCain's Web site does not explain why the medical industry cannot pay for these things itself.

4. The next president will not solve the problems behind the high price of gas.

Clinton and Obama have both proposed increasing the taxes on oil company profits, taxes that would simply be passed along in higher prices at the pump. This increase would be in addition to the already high taxes paid by oil companies. Exxon, for example, paid nearly three times as much in taxes as the net profits it earned for shareholders.

McCain and Clinton both favor temporarily suspending the 18.4 cent federal tax on gasoline. According to http://www.factcheck.org, their temporary federal "tax holiday" will save average drivers just $28, and that is only if prices do not rise to match the short-term increase in demand.

Also, none of the candidates' plans would affect state-level gas taxes, which are much higher. None of the candidates has proposed permanently ending all gas taxes, which add more to the price of gas than oil company profits, or fighting inflation and the declining value of the dollar.

This is not to say that there are no differences between the candidates. Electing any of the three would set a different record.

Of course, Clinton would be the first female president, and Obama the first African American. If McCain were elected, he would set his own record by being the oldest president in U.S. history.

However, when it comes to many policy issues, the differences between the major candidates are effectively negligible. Regardless of who wins, the next four years will be politics as usual.

From cigarette smoke to smoking barrels

How sin taxes turn smoking from a bad habbit into murder

By Douglas Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

Whether by lung cancer or emphysema or heart disease, cigarettes kill thousands of people each year. A new congressional report asks "are we cause of Youth of the first terrorist? High "sin" taxes have created a profitable black market in cigarettes, and some of these profits are being funneled to terrorist groups.

According to "Tobacco and Terror," a report by Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), terrorist groups like Hezbollah, Hamas, and Al Qaeda have been selling a share of the multi-billion dollar black market in untaxed cigarettes. Experts estimate that the black market accounts for around five percent of cigarette sales in North America, or around 414 billion cigarettes each year.

King blames the black market on "New York State's refusal to lend rate [tax] laws" and "access to the Native American Indian reservations for tax-free cigarettes." However, the problem may actually be caused by the tax laws themselves.

Data from Yahoo! Finance puts the profit margin for American cigarette companies at an average of 14.6 percent. However, the profit margin for periodical publishing is over twice that, at an average of 32.7 percent. So why are terrorists not funding their organizations with black market copies of Entertainment Weekly? The simple answer is cigarette taxes.

Cigarette taxes in New York, New Jersey and Maryland are far higher than in Virginia and North Carolina. This inconsistency makes it very profitable to take sin taxes in one state and sell up to the cost at cost, where they cost twice as much. According to the report, 1,500 cartons of cigarettes could net 25,000 in profits. In New York State, cigarette smuggling ships can take in $25,000 a week.

New York loses around $55 million a year in lost cigarette tax revenue. Yet the lost funds are not nearly as concerning as where cigarette smuggling profits are being sent. In North Carolina, a smuggling ring sent money through Hezbollah. This funding would have been impossible without government-created cigarette taxes.

Even when smugglers are not directly connected to terrorist organizations, high cigarette taxes increase crime within the U.S. Just as prohibition made millions for bootleggers and gangsters, cigarette taxes are a gift to (organized) crime. As Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass) warned Congress in 1977, cigarette smuggling results in "increasing violent crime, extortions and bribery, truck hijackings, armed robberies, serious assaults, and even murder." The next thirty years would prove him right.

According to a 2000 article in the New York Post by Murray Weiss, Sherwin Henry, 23, and Cindy Kirsch, 19, were murdered over "cigarette-selling turf" disputes. Two others survived but survived. In 2005, two more men were murdered in the Bronx. This violence never would have occurred with out the black market that cigarette taxes helped create.

Next month, New York State cigarette taxes will increase by $12.50 per carton, making the state's cigarette taxes the highest in the country. The state's sin taxes will be raised to a top $4 a pack. Obviously, the resulting higher prices will increase consumer demand for illegal cigarettes and increase the profits that can be made by smugglers and dangerous criminal organizations.

Cigarette Smuggling Facts

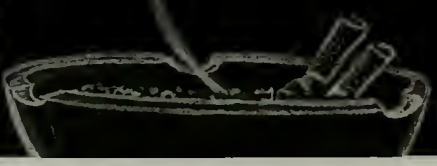
Worldwide, the black market makes up 10.7 percent of total sales, or 600 billion cigarettes annually.

In North America, five percent or around 414 billion cigarettes are sold on the black market each year.

Cigarette taxes in the U.S. have increased by 65 percent since 1992.

Thanks to heavy cigarette taxes, a load of 1,500 cartons could bring in over $50,000 in profits. Profits often are used to fund organized crime or even terrorist organizations.

Source: Tobacco and Terror by Rep. Peter T. King



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Top 10 Tips for New Students

10. Your tuition *does not* get you a free masseuse, no matter what that guy in the library says.

9. You don't have to be a science major to experiment in college.

8. If you have to leave a lecture to use the restroom, it's considered polite to tell your prof how long you'll be gone and what you'll be doing.

7. Theater majors, be sure to audition for Joseph and the Monochrome Trousers. What could be more fun than a three-hour musical about Dockers?

6. Your tuition pays your professors' salaries, so you're basically their boss. Make sure to remind them of this.

5. Art majors, remember that artists never sell paintings until after they're dead. Of course, if you're really impatient, you can start selling paintings this weekend...

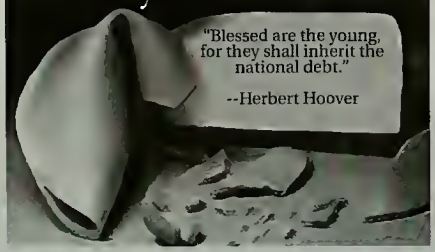
4. Only take classes from professors who are listed in the phonebook. That way, when you get back your grades, you know where they live.

3. If you're running late for class, you can save time by doing several things at once. While you're taking your shower, you can also shave, brush your teeth, and blow-dry your hair.

2. If you're really running late, it's OK to come to class in your pajamas. However, you might want to rethink the onesie.

1. College is a great time to expose yourself to new cultures. First, get a trench coat...

weekly *words* of wisdom



"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt."

--Herbert Hoover

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Answers to last week's Sudoku

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5	3	6	8	2	1	9	4	7
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Horoscopes

By Douglas Schmidt

Aries Mar 21- Apr 19
Those thugs may have stolen your Lazy Susan, but soon, the tables will turn.

Taurus Apr 20- May 20
While you wouldn't consider yourself a hero, you did donate your liver to Jim Beam.

Gemini May 21- June 20
You will be shocked to win at this year's Oscars, mostly because you weren't actually in Daddy Day Camp.

Cancer June 21- July 22
This weekend, you will finally discover a surefire cure for insomnia: driving.

Leo July 23- Aug 22
You can stop taking your medication. The voices in your head are actually coming from your cell-phone.

Virgo Aug 23- Sep 22
Tomorrow will be both painful and adorable when you are killed in a kitten stampede.

Libra Sep 23- Oct 22
You will destroy both your health and your finances when you discover that gasoline tastes like Red Bull.

Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21
"Sea monkeys" are actually just brine shrimp. Looks like you'll never have a swimming pool full of baboons.

Sagittarius Nov22- Dec 21
Never trust a urologist who works out of the back of a van.

Capricorn Dec 22- Jan19
You will single-handedly revive Steve Guttenberg's career when you decide to let him out of your basement.

Aquarius Jan 20- Feb 18
Your visit to Jiffy Lube will be far less fun than you'd hoped.

Pisces Feb 19- Mar 20
After years of attempts, you will finally set a Guinness World Record, and wake up with the worst hangover of your life.

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The Student Art League looks back on a year of creativity and on to the future

The members of the student art league gathered on May 10, to remember a great year and to display their impressive work at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. The group put the show together themselves, moving partitions to display the pieces, making food for the guests, and put together the music. The show displayed some of the best pieces from the league's members, art that reflected the students' talents, skills, and thoughts. The show marked the closing of the school year for the league, as well as the beginning of a new chapter, as the league's current president, Josh Hoering, will be leaving for graduate school. The new president will be Julie Wall, who is studying print making. I caught up with Julie at the show to discuss this past year and the future of the Student Art League.

Marisha Zimmerman: So, how do you feel about being the new president of the Student Art League?

Julie Wall: Nervous! Josh left some big shoes to fill. I hope I can make people as happy as he did.

MZ: What do you hope to accomplish this coming year with the Student Art League?

JW: We want to get the campus more involved and come to more parties and shows we're going to put on this next year through better advertising and more timely advertising so people can plan to attend.

MZ: How did you get involved in the Student Art League?

JW: Josh asked me to join and I did. It was nice to be with people who were more like me and we just had a lot of fun."

MZ: So, what made you want to become president this upcoming year?

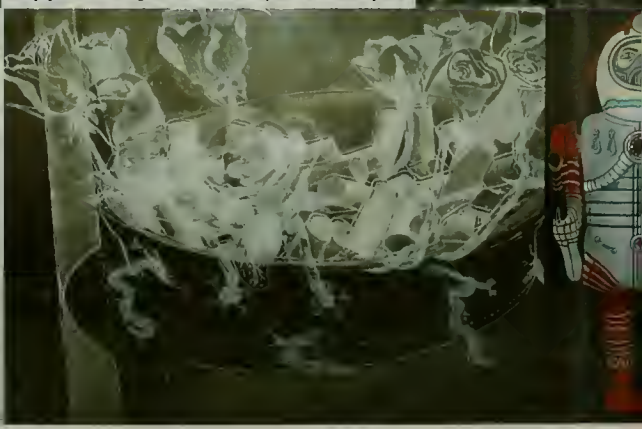
JW: Well, it's my last year and I wanted to do a little more and contribute more to the league.

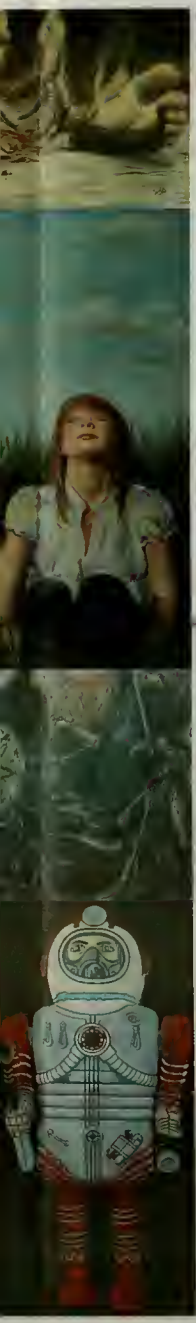
MZ: Do you have any other comments for perspective league members?

JW: We're fun. We're not stuck up or anything. We like to help people and have a good time in college.

As the evening continued and guests arrived, everyone found themselves enjoying the event. Conversations ranged from why art was important to civilization to how a piece was made to how art can be used to bring a cause to people's attention. I found myself in one of these discussions with league member, Lauren Perigo.

Perigo and the students in her advanced printmaking class decided to do a project for the late Lola Martinez's family. Lauren knew Lola and was inspired to do something for her family when she died. Each of the students in the class made an eight-by-eight inch wood block picture to be printed onto paper and sewn together. In the middle square, the students printed





the poem "Remember Me" by Christina Rossetti. The students chose this poem because it expressed their feelings about Lola. "We wanted to show her family love and to do something for them," said Perigo. Some of the inspiration for the project even came from Lola through her sketches. Many of the students created their pictures based on the sketches she left behind. The project showed how art can be used to bring attention to a cause or to something that needs to be discussed or remembered.

The show ended on a high note. Perigo said, "I'm proud of how well put together it was. It looked classy for a bunch of students throwing it together at the end of the year with finals going on. It was a good representation of the artwork of the students of IPFW." The art ranged from lithographs and paintings, to prints and drawings with various styles and images, but it was clear that the Student Art League is a talented group of individuals who have a lot to offer on the campus.

All photos by MARISHA ZIMMERMAN. / Clockwise from right: "Ketchup" Said El-Dajani; "Untitled" Lauren Perigo; "Dreamin' Music" Clint W. Ahlersmeyer; "Robot" Julie Wall; "Les Fleurs" Katie M. Conner; "Ranuculus Crocodilus-Frogadile" Benjamin Lawrence; "Lily" Lauren Perigo; "Music City" Clint W Ahlersmeyer; "Wild Child" Julie Wall.

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Last week's answer: Statue in the Helmke library.

Spots ON Campus

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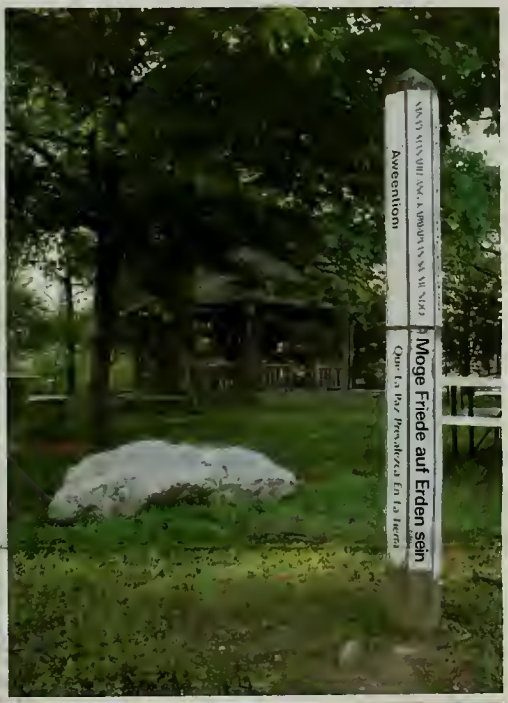

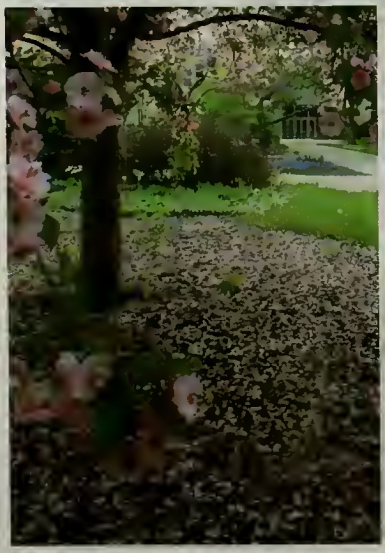

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So, you're moving out...

Here are a few points of interest to consider when moving out for the first time

By LOUISA DANIELSON
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Going to college is a major step in anyone's life. But one of the biggest changes to be faced, sometimes, is moving away from home.

How can students best handle the big change? First of all, be prepared. Although the student housing apartments come fully furnished(stove,microwave, refrigerator/freezer, sofa, chairs, table, bed, dresser, desk, internet access and cable, etc.) students need to bring their own sheets (full extra long or queen size), television sets, toasters, and all the other small things that make a place homey.

Rubbermaid tubs fit in the closets and students are allowed to put anything on the walls that can be held up with a thumbtack. Heavier items that need nails or screws need to be processed through the Cole Commons staff with a work order – they will put in heavier hangers as requested. Staff will also replace light bulbs, fix the equipment in the room (like the ice maker in the refrigerator) and will come when there is an emergency (phone number 481 – 4180).

Students can also prepare for good dorm life by getting to know their neighbors. "Learn about your suitemates – about your hallway," encourages George McClellan, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. "You're part of creating a community." He suggests that the transition from home to student housing is similar to the switch from high school to college. "It takes a certain amount of courage [to get involved in campus life]" he said. Part of a successful transition should include reaching out to other students, learning about who they are and what their needs are. "There's lots of people here who want to help, but there's no one more responsible than you," McClellan pointed out.

Security on campus is also important. Each resident is issued a gray key fob that acts like a card key to allow access into their apartment and the student computer labs. Students are also issued individual metal keys for their separate bedrooms, for extra security. Resident Assistants patrol every hallway three times each night,and there is a monthly health and safety inspection of each apartment to make sure that there isn't a buildup of garbage and general grime, like mold in the bathroom. Although the buildings are co-ed, each apartment is limited to either women or men – so guys will only have guys for roommates, and women will only have women for roommates.

> **"One of the biggest changes to be faced is moving away from home."**

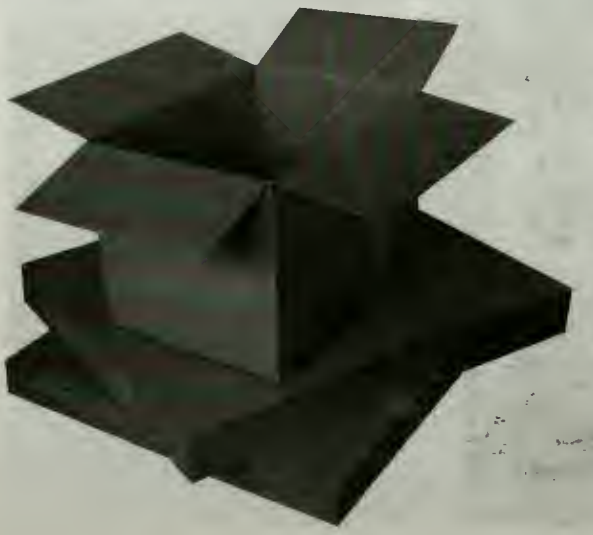
IPFW also limits the number of students per resident assistant to a ratio of 40:1. "[Ours is] better than average," noted Walt Branson, Vice Chancellor of Financial Affairs, stating that other schools usually have sixty students or more under one resident aid's care.

Students are given individual, locked mail boxes in the Cole Commons building and they can purchase debit cards to use on the washers and dryers, which are located on every first and third floor of each dorm building.

Before new students move in, the staff make sure the apartment is clean. "We definitely make sure it looks brand new when you move in," said Laura Williams, who has worked as a resident assistant at IPFW for three years.

Finally, there are community programs each month hosted by resident assistants. Everything from canned food drives, movie nights, IPFW Campus Survivor, start of the year cookouts, and Super Bowl parties help students mix and get to know their neighbors.

As McClellan put it, "I just think that you came to college to get the most out of it that you can." with all that available, you can.



Ft. Wayne says farewell to maestro

By LOUISA DANIELSON
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On May 10 at the Embassy Theatre the Fort Wayne Philharmonic gave its final performance with Conductor Edvard Tchivzhel, performing Mahler's Resurrection Symphony. This monolithic work, which took a full ninety minutes was performed without intermission.

Of special note to this performance was the size of the orchestra. In addition to the regular variety of instruments, this performance included ten French horns, two piccolos, three clarinets, four trombones, two full sets of timpani, two choirs and organ. A number of musicians were placed outside the concert hall, both in the wings offstage and in the grand hallway outside, so as to add an 'otherworldly' effect.

Before a packed audience, the performance began as Concertmaster Hiromi Ito gave a short speech. He described to the audience an autographed photo of the orchestra that had been presented to Tchivzhel that morning at the dress rehearsal, then finished by saying "We appreciate his passionate music making over the past fifteen years, and send our best wishes with Maestro Tchivzhel."

Once Tchivzhel walked onstage, applause thundered through the auditorium. Tchivzhel bowed many times, then turned to the orchestra.

The symphony began with tremolo shivering through the string sections. Muted horns added a mysterious timbre to the mix, topping snarling cellos and basses.

Throughout the piece, many moods wove themselves into the fabric of the symphony: tiptoeing bass and cello sounds combined with the harp only to be interrupted by blasting percussion and a tremendous musical spiral that sounded like something from the Sorcerer's Apprentice. In the second movement, the mood was cheery, like a quick Austrian dance.

A fugue meandered through the strings, only to be cut off by pulsing harps. For the third movement, the timpani jolted the movement to life, ceding reluctantly to the winding melody of the strings and woodwinds. The brass blew energy into the movement with a repetitive fanfare.

At times, the vibes from the percussionists seemed to rattle the arm rests on the chairs in the auditorium. A ghostly theme came from the musicians outside the concert hall; it was terrifically effective in giving the sensation of a call from the hereafter. As the piece powered towards its close, the drummers were literally pounding for all they were worth, over the concentrated power of the orchestra.

Only during the final parts of the piece did the choir sing, sometimes accompanying the soloists. Their sound was a mellowing touch to the sometimes harsh resonance of the instruments. Members of the audience leaned forward in anticipation during the final movement as the organ warmed up. The symphony finished with blasting tremolo strings, a blossoming chord in the brass, chimes, and rumbling organ.

An instant standing ovation and cheers met the end of the work. Tchivzhel bowed, then acknowledged the orchestra, the soloists, and the choir directors. The lady soloists were ushered several times onstage, with tremendous bouquets.

Tchivzhel was given a bouquet, from which he proceeded to distribute red roses to his principle string players. Perhaps it was a fitting theme, this Resurrection Symphony, for a conductor whose era has closed here in Fort Wayne but will begin again in Greenville, South Carolina.

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A message from your student body president

IPFW Student Body President Kody Tinnel

It is only summer but already the Indiana Purdue Student Government Association, or IPSGA, is busy preparing for the coming year. The newly elected executive officers, myself included, are getting settled into our positions and preparing goals and plans for the 2008-2009 school year here at IPFW.

For those unfamiliar with IPSGA, it is an organization comprised of four branches each designed to serve the students and improve life on campus. The Student Activities Board (SAB) plans various events on campus such as guest speakers, free food giveaways, and Spring Fling week. The Student Senate charters student organizations, allocates money, and makes recommendations to help better the college experience for the student body.

The Judicial Court makes rulings and decisions concerning actions that come up in student government throughout the year. Last but not least, the Executive Officers, who are elected each April by the student body, help organize and oversee all aspects of IPSGA. The elected officers are the President, Vice President of Legislation, Vice President of Programming, and Vice President of Finance.

The IPSGA office is located on the second floor of Walb Student Union. The members of student government can be great resources when trying to better understand what we do, how time commitments is needed, and all of the benefits of being involved.

Many students don't quite understand the purpose or the benefits of IPSGA. The student government here at IPFW actually plays a very important role. We are in charge of putting on student life events, funding certain student services, lobbying the administration to make changes that benefit the students, and many other activities aimed at bettering the campus and making the IPFW experience the best it can be for the students In addition to the campus-wide benefits there are also numerous other perks of being a member of IPSGA. Student government can help people make connections, learn to work with diverse groups of people, better understand governmental structures, and gain valuable experience that can help with future career goals.

When getting back into the swing of things here at IPFW make sure to consider joining up with IPSGA to help make positive changes.

Want to be successful in college? Then Do Something!

By ANDREW HOOVER

It has been a long time since I was last in these hallowed pages, wistfully typing my opinion about some subject thinking, arrogantly, that you care about what I have to say. Well, after two years, you had better listen. What I am saying is important, really it is, and it is all about how YOU can be successful at college and, upon graduation, make a ton of money and buy your own private island in the Caribbean. That is correct, I am giving you advice: GET INVOLVED!

I have been kicked out of a few of our finer institutions of higher learning, including our "mother school" in West Lafayette. Yet, here, I have thrived and I am getting ready to apply to Grad School! I went from a 0.5 GPA to a 2.7 GPA, and that is something I am damn proud of. But, you ask, how did I do it? Well, I got involved! DO SOMETHING! And work, class, sleep, work, sleep, class, et al is not something...that is just surviving.

I could cite all kinds of sources and studies that show how, beyond a doubt, students who get involved with on-campus clubs and activities do better, just flat-out do better, but why bore you? Instead, let me tell you this; we have some freakin' awesome clubs (and some dumb ones too)! Are you some crazy spinster surrounded by cats? Well, come out and join the Stitchery! They have some awesome sales and some really great people. Do you love God and Jesus? Well you are in luck because we have over 60 groups devoted to Christianity! If you are not so hot on Christ, join the Pagans! Maybe you want a dash of the serious...perhaps our roany professional groups like "small group award winner" Delta Sigma Pi is right for you. Hey, I can even bend your ear and tell you how amazingly awesome Student Government is, because we actually do something. Not only am I a member, I am a Vice President to boot! We have over 100 groups and I am not going to call them all out...just ask Sara or April in Student Life... they are cool and can hook you up.

If I can write for The Communicator... you can too! And they actually pay money!

If I can write for The Communicator, and even be a decorated editor, you can too! And they actually pay money!

Get involved and love your campus, even if you plan on transferring to West Lafasuck or Bloomingsuck or whatever. No one bothered to tell me this, at least, not honestly. They always had some 4.0 student talking about how great being involved is. I am a massive, ugly, 2.7 GPA, ex-drinker, geek who is saying get involved and everything will be more fun.

COMEBACK TRAIL

■ After two years as IPFW's starting libero, an injury sidelined Mike Morici for a full season and a replacement took over

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To look at Mike Morici's face, you wouldn't know if he was happy or sad, felt fortunate or left out. It is hard to figure out where exactly his mind lands when thinking about what has happened and what has yet to come in his IPFW volleyball career.

Either way he's still here, plugging away everyday in effort to get back a position he once personified.

After two highly successful seasons at the starting libero (defensive specialist) position, a summertime scrimmage with the club volleyball team he coached back in his native Illinois left Morici sidelined with a torn ACL.

It left IPFW with an opening. It left Morici on the sidelines, watching his teammates return to the Final Four without him.

Volleyball became a love for Morici in grade school when he saw his sister play and was instantly attracted despite his size working against him.

"I've always been the smallest person on the team," the 5'7" Morici said. "[People] only discouraged me when I wanted to play front row. Other than that, they saw that I was quick and that I could go after balls."

At Carmel High School in his native Antioch, Illinois, he was the team captain as a senior while being named ESCC All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention by the Chicago Sun Times and Chicago Tribune. A trip to the next level wasn't easy though. After talking for a while, Ball State opted to pass on Morici, telling him that they did not recruit true liberos. It wasn't until May of his senior year that IPFW came knocking on his door.

As a freshman in 2005, Morici was part of a big class that was expected to make a huge impact.

"I think they put a lot of pressure on the freshmen because there were so many of us starting at that time," Morici said.

A subpar record in 2005 with a young team led IPFW to expand a little more in 2006, including bringing in transfers CJ Macias and Colin Lundeen.

"Halfway through the first semester we knew we were going to be really good. But I don't think the Final Four popped into our heads when we got into that winning streak," Morici said.

That winning streak he still smiles about was a school record 16 match winning streak, which took place directly after a 2-5 start. The streak led the Mastodons to a Final Four appearance, where they lost 3-0 to UCLA.

"It came out of nowhere and just clicked one day" Morici said. "It [going to the Final Four] felt like you were a professional. Reporters were everywhere, ESPN cameras were in our locker room as we were getting ready. It was unreal."

"It was difficult to watch my team go to the championship game while I wasn't there."

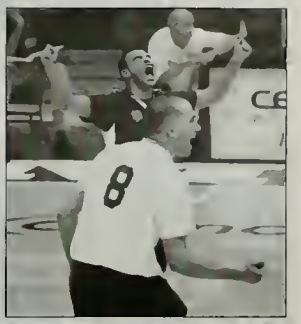
At the end of his second season, Morici had amassed 434 digs and was on pace to break the all-time school record of 816 set by Mastodon great Jay Golsteyn.

Suddenly a fluke landing in a summertime scrimmage changed his life.

Finding out how much cartilage had been destroyed eliminated hopes of playing through the injury and IPFW was forced to turn elsewhere. They turned to freshman Matt Pliske, who helped IPFW to its first national semi-final victory.

"It was difficult to watch my team go to the championship game while I wasn't on there," Morici said with a reflective sadness in his eyes.

However, Morici never gave up. Along with mentoring Pliske through his struggles early as a freshman, he worked hard toward a comeback. When the 2008 season began, Morici was back in the flow- but not back in his spot.



TOP: The junior played where needed in 2008, including libero and as a service specialist.

ABOVE: Morici celebrates a point with former teammate Colin Lundeen the night the 2006 team stretched their record winning streak to 16 matches.

"Since we had so many people coming back, he (Pliske) gelled really well with the team and it was like I had to start over. At that point, I was just happy to get playing time. I did not want to be forgotten."

"The ultimate goal is to get my starting libero spot back," he was sure to add.

Now he will go through a transition again. He will be the only returning senior in 2009 and will have to step up into a primary leadership role.

Overcoming obstacles like that is something that Mike Morici has done and points out with a smile that he is more than ready to take on again.

Maybe that is happiness on his face after all.

LIBERO BATTLE

Comparing Mike Morici and Matt Pliske's first two seasons running the Mastodon defense.

Mike Morici 2005 2006 SEASONS

434 total digs • recorded a single match school record 23 digs on Feb. 5, 2005 against Quincy • 4th in the MIVA in digs in 2006 • Led defensive effort to 2006 Final Four

Matt Pliske 2007 2008 SEASONS

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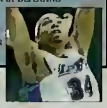

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Fife and staff working to complete '08-'09 season recruit class

IPFW head men's basketball coach Dane Fife has announced the signing of shooting guard Brandon Gaines for the upcoming season.

Gaines comes to IPFW from Boyd Anderson High School in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida. Last season with the Cobras, the 6'4", 185 lb. sharpshooter averaged 16.7 points and 7.0 rebounds per game for head coach Eugene Richardson.

"Brandon is a talented athlete who really has a knack for scoring the basketball," Fife stated.

Previously, Fife and the school had announced the signing of four other future Mastodons.

Most recently, the program added Nick Daniels from Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois and Demond Dedeaux from D.P. Walker High School in New Orleans, Louisiana

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